

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For IMPROVED RECOVERY OF LINEAR NUCLEIC ACIDS  
BY SALT DILUTION AND/OR REDUCED PRESSURE  
PRIOR TO CONTINUOUS PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL  
ULTRAFILTRATION

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004 (the period for response to which has been extended to August 10, 2004 by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee), please consider the following:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

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